

**Amendments to the Abstract:**

Please replace the prior abstract with the abstract that is amended as follows:

**Abstract**

Disclosed herein are transgenic plants having recombinant DNA which expresses a G1073 transcription factor which provides enhanced resistance and/or tolerance to water deficit. More specifically the DNA constructs comprise a polynucleotide which encodes [[a]] at least a functional part of a G1073 transcription factor or a homologous transcription factor.